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**As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:**

**My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated  
below next to my name.**

**I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one  
name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural  
names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for  
which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:**

**SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
SIGNAL PROCESSING SYSTEM, AND PRINTER**

**the specification of which (check one)**

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**is attached hereto.**

**was filed on September 5, 2000, as application No.  
09/654,727 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).**

**I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents  
of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended  
by any amendment referred to above.**

**I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material  
to the examination of the application in accordance with Title 37, Code  
of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).**

**I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Section 119 of  
Title 35, United States Code, of any foreign application(s) for patent  
or inventor's certificate(s) listed below and have also identified below  
any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a  
filing date before that of the application(s) or inventor's certificate(s)  
on which priority is claimed:**

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS		Filing Date day/mo/yr	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119	
COUNTRY	SERIAL NO.		Yes	No
JAPAN	11-257342	10 September 1999	X	



I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

APPLICATION SERIAL NO.	FILING DATE day/mo/yr	STATUS Patented, Pending, Aband.

I hereby appoint James J. Daley, Registration No. 24,158, Herbert Blecker, Registration No. 20,368, John J. Torrente, Registration No. 26,359, Marylee Jenkins, Registration No. 37,645 and Michael Schwarz, Registration No. 33,060 as my attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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